

# *Veterans Party of America*

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**Mr. Miguel Hernandez  
State of Florida  
Division of Elections  
R. A. Gray Building  
Suite 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250**

**Dear Mr. Hernandez:**

**As per our conversation, and in accordance with Florida Division of Elections Statute, 103.131, section 7, we have taken the following action for the Veterans Party of America:**

**We have formed a "competent tribunal" to declare the self-appointed National Executive Committee of the Veterans Party of America to be deemed vacant. The self-appointed NEC consists of the following personnel: Phillip Meskin (Chairman), Glenda Kelley (Vice Chairman) and Susan White (Treasurer).**

**The Tribunal consists of six members of the Veterans Party of America in the State of Florida. They are as follows:**

**Debra L. Hollis, Florida State Chairperson and Secretary  
Charles Donovan, Florida State Vice Chairperson  
Laurence Bowdren, Florida State Treasurer  
Robert C. Thompson, Chairperson, Bay County  
Richard Thiel, Chairperson, Hillsborough County  
Steven Senzig, Chairperson, Miami-Dade County**

**We have taken an official vote and you will find our ballots enclosed showing support for this action by all Tribunal members.**

**We have taken this action for the following reasons:**

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1. Many criminal complaints have been filed against Mr. Meskin at both the state and federal levels. The criminal charges have caused the Veterans Party to lose members and shed a bad light on the party as a whole. Mr. Meskin has been asked numerous times to resign his position for the sake of the party and he refuses to do so. When asked for proof of no wrong doing on his part, all he states is that "I'm innocent". The Tribunal is attempting to save the Veterans Party of America from further violations of law and ethics.

2. Mr. Meskin, in particular, has attempted to force his personal direction on party members and the entire Veterans Party of America. If any member disagrees with him, he has resorted to name calling with such names as "thief" and "sex offender" and has removed dissenting individuals from their respective positions without a vote or recommendation from the majority of party members. The Tribunal believes that these are not qualities we want in our leader and do not wish to be associated with a person that would stoop that low to get his way.

3. The Tribunal has discovered that Mr. Meskin is operating a for profit business in the name of the Veterans Party of America, a not for profit political organization. This is evidenced by purchasing Veterans Party merchandise (such as tee shirts, bumper stickers, etc.) through his website, [www.VeteransParty.US](http://www.VeteransParty.US). I personally have purchased such items and when I received my credit card statement, I saw that my charge was made to "Veterans Post Newspaper" and not the Veterans Party of America. We learned about a VET bank account at a conference in November, 2005. At that time, the account had \$500. In addition to my purchases of VET party items, I noticed many people with VET party merchandise. Therefore, logic would dictate, that our bank account should have had more than \$500.

I heard Mr. Meskin state that he had invested \$30,000.00 of his own money to start the Veterans Party of America. At the present time, people are filing complaints with the state because they heard Mr. Meskin say that no money from the sale of merchandise will be deposited into the Veterans Party of America account until he is paid back his \$30,000.00.

4. With reference to the conference held in November 2005, each member was charged \$25.00 (\$35.00 for couples) for "materials". When arriving at the conference, we were not even presented with a "conference agenda", let alone any materials. To this day, no member attending the conference knows where our money went. When asking Mr. Meskin about this, he has failed to provide an answer.

5. Polite attempts were made to gain the cooperative step down of Mr. Meskin. The attempts were ignored or refused by him.

6. The VET has never had a party-wide election to replace the

current "self-appointed" NEC. All members of the Florida Executive Board were put there by democratic election and the Tribunal believes all offices within the Veterans Party of America should be filled by an election.

7. As it stands now, the Tribunal has the support of many members of the Veterans Party of America which confirms our legal right to manage the party's national affairs and to have taken the party away from the three accused of crimes/mismanagement. The three current "self-appointed" NEC members currently under investigation for violation of federal and state laws should not be allowed to misrepresent the party's interests.

8. Furthermore, since the Veterans Party of America is based in Florida, Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Commissioner, Mr. Guy Tunnel have been notified of allegations made against Mr. Meskin.

In addition, Mr. Meskin is in violation of Florida Division of Elections Statute, 103.081, in that he does not have my written permission to use the party name, abbreviation or symbol. I am the Florida State Executive Committee Chairperson and Mr. Meskin has never contacted me to get my permission.

In view of the above, the Tribunal requests the State of Florida take the following actions on behalf of the Veterans Party of America:


1. Order Mr. Meskin, Ms. Kelley and Ms. White to step down from their current, self-appointed positions.
2. Order Mr. Meskin to cease operating his "for profit" website, [www.VeteransParty.US](http://www.VeteransParty.US) and relinquish control of this website to the Veterans Party of America including all copyrighted material he may have obtained in the name of the Veterans Party of America.
3. Order Mr. Meskin, Ms. Kelley and Ms. White to turn over all documents relating to the Veterans Party of America to the Tribunal.
4. Order Mr. Meskin, Ms. Kelley and Ms. White to turn over all bank accounts, financial transactions, bank statements, reports filed with the State of Florida and the Federal Elections Commission to the Tribunal.
5. Order Mr. Meskin, Ms. Kelley and Ms. White to have nothing further to do with the Veterans Party of America until such time they can prove they are willing to operate within the guidelines and laws set forth by the state of Florida and the Federal Elections Commission and cannot willfully resume their past positions unless they are nominated and voted into their respective positions by a majority vote of state chairpersons.
6. Designate me as the highest ranking official in the Veterans Party of America; Chairperson, National Executive Committee.
7. Authorize me to create and publish an "official" Veterans Party of

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America website.

8. Recognize www.VeteransPartyofAmerica.com as the official website for the Veterans Party of America.

Respectfully submitted,



**Debra L. Hollis**  
**Florida State Chairman and Secretary**  
**Interim NEC Chairperson**  
**Veterans Party of America**

**Encl: Official Ballots from all members of the Tribunal**  
**Cc: Federal Elections Commission**

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